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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JAMES M. PROBER ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL1665USNA

SERIAL NO.: 10/702320

GROUP ART UNIT: 1641

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EXAMINER: YU, MELANIE J

FOR: MICROPARTICLE-BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS
THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 6/22/2005 and is filed outside the shortened three month statutory period for response. A request for a three month extension of time, including the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows: